

HB530: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations

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**Oppose**

Dear committee members,

Upon reading this bill, it occurs to me that ALL safety measures that were instituted when the law was created to allow pharmacists to administer vaccinations are being removed.

The old text, which will be removed, required a prescription from the minor's physician. The purpose of which would be that the child would have been assessed by his/her primary care physician prior to undergoing this medical procedure.

Why would the state want to make ANY medical procedure MORE risky for our children?  
Why is there the attempt to bypass the physician with which the child's medical history has been established?

Pharmacists are not trained in the assessment of a child prior to vaccination. This is why current law includes the need for a prescription from a physician.

I strongly encourage you to put safety of our children as your main priority. There is absolutely no need for making this law and adding risk to Maryland's children's lives.

I ask that you oppose this bill.

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